

Since its inception, NROC has worked with a number of Southeastern New Hampshire communities including Newmarket, Barrington, Newfields, Dover, Exeter and Stratham. Each program is tailored to the specific concerns of the host community. There is no charge for the NROC presentation or follow-up assistance.

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How is Southeastern New Hampshire Growing?

Are you concerned about...

Fields, forests & farmland?

Community character?

Economic development?

Water quality?

Water quantity?

You're not alone...

So are many other residents and community leaders.

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The Challenge

Southeastern New Hampshire is facing unprecedented growth. Local decision-makers often confront competing interests, inadequate data or limited civic involvement. Board members and municipal officials have expressed a need for more scientific information about growth's economic, environmental, and social consequences to help them make more informed decisions.

The Response

In 1997, a group of organizations and agencies united to create the Natural Resources Outreach Coalition (NROC). NROC team members support communities facing growth by helping them understand:

- The current status of their natural resources;
- The potential impacts of growth on those resources;
- Techniques for protecting economic health, community character and environmental quality.

What NROC Can Do for Your Community



"...NROC helped us channel our efforts. Although there were boards and volunteers already working on projects related to growth, it wasn't until we worked with NROC that we started working together."

NROC participant

"...NROC has really shifted my perspective; now I feel much better equipped to 'think globally, act locally' by pursuing small neighborhood victories. In fact, the information covered in the NROC - sponsored workshops inspired me to become more actively involved with my town's Conservation Commission and Open Lands Committee."

NROC participant

NROC begins with an educational presentation, called *Dealing with Growth*, to board members, municipal staff and interested citizens. *Dealing with Growth* depicts the current status of your community's natural resources and introduces various techniques for managing them. NROC follows up this presentation by meeting with community members to focus their natural resource protection goals and locate the technical and financial assistance they need to accomplish them.

